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Veteran Citizens Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB)

Meeting Summary

November 19, 2009 2-4 p.m.

Greenwood Library – Seattle

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Doug Hoople at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Chair Doug Hoople, Vice-Chair William Wood, Cynthia Lefever, Robert Stephens Jr., Oren Hadaller, Stan Gunno, Francisco Ivarra, Roger Welles, Ron Forrest

Board Members Excused/Absent: Kathy Lewis, Gary Kingsbury

County Staff Present: Debora Gay, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Marcy Kubbs, DCHS; Bill Goldsmith, DCHS; Joel Estey, DCHS; Fred Steele, DCHS; Sonia Singh, DCHS

Guests: Kira Mountjoy-Pepka

Review of Meeting Summary

The draft September meeting summary was reviewed.

ACTION: The September meeting summary was approved as written.

Committee Reports

Strategy 5

At the Strategy 5 Committee meeting held earlier in the month, the Levy Evaluator, Jon Hoskins, provided members with an updated evaluation work plan. At this meeting, Bill Goldsmith, a member of the Evaluation Unit, walked members through the details that included evaluating each levy activity individually with outcomes for each summarized in concise, 1-3 page reports. This approach acknowledges the uniqueness of each of the activities. The shorter reports can be rolled up into a summary evaluation of the overarching strategy. The goal is to have these completed by the summer of 2010. Strategy 5 Committee

will be meeting monthly to review drafts of the individual activity evaluation reports. The first of the reports to be completed will be on Strategy 1.

A process evaluation is also underway. Several tools will be used including an on-line survey to obtain feedback from program managers, board members, and others on such topics as start-up, procurement plans, request for proposal processes and contracting. The levy processes will be evaluated on a number of dimensions such as timelines, transparency of processes, accountability, and equity.

Strategies 3.2/3.3

The advisory committee for these combined strategies dealing with curriculum development and training for behavioral health professionals and other providers on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) has begun meeting. Member of the committee reported Scott Swain with Washington Department of Veterans Affairs has developed a number of presentations on the veterans culture, PTSD and TBI and has already trained a number of organizations on these topics.

Board members serving on the committee were very impressed with the curriculum and PowerPoint presentations that have been developed. There is potential in their opinion for this to become a national model. The presentations being provided may also be a good tool to advertise the value of the Levy. The advisory committee will meet again in January.

Co-Chair's Report

- Joe Ingram has resigned from the Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board so that he can focus more energy on his Vet's Edge organization.
- The Community Psychiatric Clinic has received federal funding for its "Project Thrive" that will house 45 veterans and provided extended treatment to dual diagnosed veterans at its Veterans Resource Center.

King County Staff Report

- Fred Steel, Manager of the King County Veterans Program (KCVP), updated the board on issues related to financial assistance provided to veterans by the program. He provided a handout outlining a policy that had been announced in September restricting financial support due to budget restrictions. That policy has since been rescinded. Veterans seeking services at KCVP that may have been affected by that temporary policy are being contacted by telephone and advised of the availability financial assistance. KCVP partnering agencies are also being advised the policy was cancelled.
- Marcy asked board members as part of their oversight responsibility if they would review the 2008 Performance Reports developed by the program managers and posted with the procurement plans on the levy website. She offered to create a form to assist them in their review. It was suggested the review could be divided among the members to share the work, and the members could provide feedback on their review at the January board meeting. Members discussed how they would divide up reviewing the reports.

- Based on input from the Executive's Office, a few changes were made to the board appointment/reappointment policy document. This was shared and reviewed with the board.
- Board re-appointments will not be made until the new County Executive has an opportunity to review the list of board members to be re-appointed and make his decision.
- Sadikifu will be retiring in April and handing over responsibility for arranging levy presentations to Joel.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Guest Kira Mountjoy-Pepka manages an organization called Pack Parachute that serves veterans who have experienced Military Sexual Trauma (MST). She reports that veterans she serves, many of whom are women, will not use services available at the Veterans Affairs medical Center, making obtaining services difficult. Clients frequently are homeless and experience PTSD. She is seeking additional resources to continue her work with these individuals. She was advised that King County plans to release a Request for Proposal process for outreach services for minority and women veterans in December 2009.
- Cynthia Lefever reported a free dental clinic in South King County will be offered by Dr. Teresa Cheng on November 25, 2009 to veterans and their caregivers. She requested meetings be held in more prominent locations with adequate parking.
- On December 2, 2009, the Traumatic Brain Injury Clubhouse will hold an open house in the Seattle area.

Petitions/Communications (Public Comment)

- None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.